A Note from the Pastor:...

In June We...

Well, we set aside time to say goodbye to a long-time staff member at Living Savior at the beginning of this month. The arrival of Director of Christian Education Heidi Frank predates my time here at Living Savior. One cannot spend that kind of time at a congregation without becoming intertwined and involved in the lives of people and so there will be memories to share with youth trips and congregational events almost too numerous to mention. I believe that President Linnemann will be with us on Saturday, June 2, for the festivities that begin at 5:30pm and Director of Family Ministry for the Northwest District, Bob Fossum will be with us on Sunday morning, June 3. Together with them we will extend our prayers of thanksgiving to God for her ministry and work and our midst and at the same time petition the Lord our God for His rich blessings upon Heidi and her husband Paul as they venture forth in a new direction.

We would love to set aside some time to recognize all graduates on June the 10th – however, we are missing some information on some people. If you or someone you know is graduating from any type of school- please get in touch with the church office so that we might hold you in our prayers that day (even if it is still coming in the weeks ahead).

June 10th also marks the semi-annual Voters’ Assembly meeting in which we elect officers and receive the Preschool report. The nominations committee has been blessed with people who have agreed to serve the congregation for all of the needed positions of leadership. That makes this Voters’ Meeting easy! That – and the Preschool has had another very good year. As I write this, a Call Committee is also being formed and we will get an update on the progress of extending a call to additional staff members.

June 21 – 23 is the triennial Convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It includes the election of the president, vice-presidents and Circuit Visitors as well as numerous other offices on the Board of Directors and various committees. We will also receive the report from the District President and connect with many people from the District (which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and Hong Kong). Rae Puhl was elected as the delegate of the congregation in addition to myself. We will be commuting to the Convention Center in Portland those days.

On June 24th we are privileged to have in our midst Rev. Mark Rabe. (I have to admit that the Lord’s hand was at work in that date in that this is when he could be here and coming off the above convention – his help will be greatly appreciated. He was here about three years ago in the fall. He serves our church as a professor at the seminary in Nigeria. Being a son of the congregation, we lend him our aid and support.

Finally, we really wrestled with what to do with Vacation Bible School this year and Charlotte has stepped forward, along with many willing people from within the congregation for a four-day event. We tie the first day to a time of fellowship and food with Pastor Rabe on June 24th at noon. Then we continue to meet on June 25, 26 and 27 in the evenings. See an additional article on page 3 in this newsletter.

I don’t know about you, but writing this made me tired and the month isn’t even here yet – but there will be time to recuperate. Thank you for helping with Heidi’s Farewell, the support of your children, the work of this congregation, our partnerships in the District and World Missions and with the Christians education of people in our midst.

Pastor Brandt
WANTED: Mission Trip PRAYER PARTNERS!

Early on Saturday, July 7, four Sr. Youth and four parent chaperons start driving to the Crow Nation in southeast Montana for their mission trip!

During their week away, we would like each servant to have a PRAYER PARTNER from the congregation lifting him/her up in prayer as he/she serves in the mission field.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER?!
We’ll assign you a mission trip participant before the Sun, June 24th Commissioning. Each youth and adult servant will complete a questionnaire to give you specific things to pray for while they are away. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of prayer as these servants give of themselves on their mission.

If you are interested in serving as a Prayer Partner, please contact the church office.
Heidi’s Retirement Party!

Heidi has served our congregation for 19 years!
Let’s show her our love and give her a proper farewell party!

Date: Saturday, June 2
Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm
Where: Fellowship Hall

It is a potluck, so bring your “Love Dish” to share!
Please bring a dish designated by category & last name:

Appetizers: Counsel members & Worship Band Members
Salads: Last names A-F
Side Veggie: Last names G-I
Side Starch: Last names J-M
Bread: Last names N-O
Main Dish: Last names P-Z

Please let us know you are coming for proper planning

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JR. YOUTH SUMMER RETREAT TO …

DEVIL’S LAKE STATE PARK!

JULY 10-13, 2018 (Tues–Fri)

Who: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

Cost: $50.00 (Scholarship assistance available—see Ginger L.)

Fun in the sun and on the water! We’re heading to Lincoln City where we’ll have the lake AND the ocean to enjoy, as well as Yurt camping!

Depart: Tuesday, July 10 - late afternoon (Time: TBA) - Meet at church

Return: Friday, July 13 – about 2:00 pm to church

Registration will be opened to friends after Thurs, June 7

Forms have been emailed to parents – Deadline: June 6
Stella Ministry

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

We were privileged to have Mary E. speak to us on May 3 about Parents of Murdered Children Inc. (POMC). This is an organization for families and friends of those who have died by violence. The POMC’s mission is to make the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, and awareness. The vision is to provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

Mary shared the story of her son’s murder and the difference that the POMC made in the grieving and healing for all the members of their family. Although we may never know of anyone who has a loved one murdered or experience it ourselves, we discussed the helpful ways to minister to those grieving a huge loss such as families in the POMC.

Does Summertime Stress Slow You Down?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. Hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don’t take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time -- emotionally, spiritually, or relationally -- you don’t have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray, with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It’s free. It’s confidential. It will make a difference in your life! Contact Pastor Brandt or a Stephen Leader if you would like a Stephen Minister or know of someone who would benefit from having one.

Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor B.

Vacation Bible School

Biblical Arts, Music and Food is the theme of our intergenerational 2018 Vacation Bible School. The dates are Sunday - Wednesday, June 24th – 27th. We will begin with a potluck at noon on Sunday and give you a taste of what is to come the following three nights.

Each night begins with a meal at 6:00pm, activities beginning at 6:30. We will use the Bible as our recipe guide for the week as we make and create our food dishes for the final night, Wednesday as we sit down to share in A Biblical Feast. You will be treated to: Lamb or Chicken Kabobs, Ezekiel’s Bread, Abigail’s Fig Cakes, Jacob’s Lentil, Barley & Mustard Green Pottage, Goat Cheese & Olive Appetizers with Melon, Saffroned Millet with Raisins & Walnuts and other enticing offerings. There will be something suitable for all ages.

Art and Music Marketplaces will be available each night to all who wish to spend time in fellowship with others making music, learning a dance, weaving a fishing net, making rope, tools, working with clay, original beaded necklaces and much more.

The nights will begin and end with devotions and singing related to our theme. We are looking forward to a wonderful time together. Register in the Narthex or call the church office.
SUPPORT GROUP AT LIVING SAVIOR

We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We usually meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us!

Friends of Living Savior Lutheran are welcome to join us as well. You may know someone in the work place or community who would benefit from our group. Questions? Call Karen H. at the church office.

Saturday, June 16, 9:00 am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

Assisted Listening

Audio Everywhere Wi-Fi is here:

The latest upgrade to the Assisted Listening System at church is up and running on the church’s Wi-Fi intranet.

You can now download an app from either the Apple Store or Google Play called “Audio Everywhere” (by ExXothermic Inc) for your phone, tablet or other Wi-Fi enabled device. With this simple app you can either listen to at church the Sanctuary or Perish Hall audio using your own ear buds or with Blue Tooth enabled hearing aids. You might need to use the app’s “Scan” button on first use. This app may also work in other venues outside of LSLC.

-Arne.C.

Google Store

Apple Store

Stewardship Update

Year to Date Contributions, as of 05/20/2018 are as follows:

General Fund:
Received: $239,537
Budget: $221,154
Variance: $+18,383

Building Fund Contributions: $26,572

Thank you for faithfully sharing your blessings.

Debt Update:
The current balance on the Building Loan is $1,393,969. All gifts to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan balance.

REMINDER: Please direct all questions regarding payroll, reimbursement or other accounting questions to Roberta Rinderknecht. Please use this new email address created specifically for Roberta’s Treasurer related activity: bookkeeper@livingsavior.org

If you have questions, please contact me at the church office.

Thank you.
Lynette

Spring Tea Party

Thank you to all who participated in putting on the Tea Party event from all who enjoyed the Tea Party. Everything from food, to activities, to table hosts, butlers, and especially to the English tea, gave a great deal of pleasure to all involved.

The hard work in planning and preparing the party was greatly appreciated by all.
The Amazing Grays meet Thursday, June 7, at the Church at 1:00 pm. This will be our last meeting for the summer. We will resume again in the Fall on September 6th. Have a great summer. We have no activities planned for JULY and AUGUST.

We will tour the "Old Aurora Colony" established in 1856, three years before Oregon statehood. It was established by Dr. Wilhelm Keil and 250 German settlers from Missouri over the Oregon Trail to establish a Christian communal society. Please arrive at Living Savior Lutheran Church at 10:20 am and we will be leaving at 10:30 for the city of Aurora, south on I-5. We will have maps available. We meet in Aurora at the Old Aurora Colony Museum located at 15018, 2nd Street NE at 11:00 am when the guided tour starts. The guided tour will cost $10.00 per person. After the tour, we will drive to Langdon's Grill (at the golf course) located at 24377 Airport Rd. NE, Aurora, OR, ph. 503-678-1101, for lunch around 12:30 p.m. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

BOOK CLUB

This was a year of reading some great books. We have put together a list of books for next year that bring variety into our usual reading choices. Remember, you are not expected to come every time. Select the books that you find interesting and that you have time to read and please join us next year.

We meet the second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:30 am, September-May. This time affords a lively discussion of the book, fellowship and delicious refreshments, coffee and tea.

Sept. 8  Island of Saints: A Story of the One Principle That Frees the Human Spirit  by Andy Andrews
Oct. 13  The Warmth of Other Suns  by Isabel Wilkerson
Nov. 10  The Present  by Spencer Johnson
Jan. 12  Little Women  by Louisa May Alcott
Feb. 9  Border Child  by Michel Stone
Mar. 9  Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, An American Slave  by Frederick Douglas
Apr. 13  Albanian Escape: The True Story of U.S Army Nurses Behind Enemy Lines  by Agnes Jensen Mangerich
May 11  The All Girl Filing Station’s Last Reunion  by Fannie Flag

Scrip is a simple way to raise funds to bring down the church’s mortgage. They are just gift cards that we are able to purchase at a discount that can range from 1.5% to 41%. You buy a gift card to your regular grocery store, department store, restaurant or many other vendors at full value, and the discount associated with the merchant goes to the church.

Summer Scrip Dates:
Every Sunday through June 17
July 8
August 5
August 19 and then every Sunday after that.

Questions: call the church office at 503.692.3490  Give it a try or stop by the Scrip counter for more information.
ATTENTION CAMPERS!!

Saturday June 30th we will be having a time of Fellowship by having our evening meal together. This will be a potluck style dinner however everyone will be in charge of their own entrée (hamburgers, brats, ribs, etc.) and we will share side dishes and desserts. If your campsite is an ODD number please bring a SIDE DISH and if your campsite is an EVEN number please bring a dessert to share. Please look for more information about this and the service we will be having in the weekly Parish Notes as we get closer to our outing date.

THEOLOGY AND BREW

Theology and Brew to is back for the summer. If you would like to have some input as to the subject matter of these evening gatherings, please submit your ideas in the Theology and Brew suggestion box located in the narthex. Looking at the summer schedule it is going to be some “hit and miss.” However, watch the Parish Notes and look for more announcements. Weather permitting, we will gather outside. As in the past, you are encouraged to bring your favorite beverage (brew or otherwise). It is an informal gathering.

Who Is in Charge of Safety & Security?

Are you in charge of safety and security at Living Savior? If you are a member of Living Savior, the answer is, “Yes!” We can all help in taking responsibility for a clean, uncluttered and safe environment, and assure all doors are locked when rooms are not occupied.

As always, be aware of others in the building as you are leaving. If you are the last to leave please turn out all lights, assure all exterior doors are locked and set the alarm as there have been times when the building has been found unsecured.

What Is a Safety Monitor?

Let me tell you... A Safety Monitor will help late comers to service, answer inquiries, provide direction for arriving emergency responders, or direct individuals during an emergency evacuation.

Would you like to get more involved? The Safety and Security Committee is looking for people to help monitor the Narthex during service so as to relieve the ushers from that duty. Resources are available to watch or listen to the service and stepping in for communion.

Please contact the church office for more information.

Confirmed on Sunday, May 20, 2018

Keira E.
Savannah M.
Emilie V.
Grace W.
Emily W.

Congratulations!

Officially accepted into membership recently at Living were Tom and Janet S., transferring from Christ Lutheran Church in Brea, California. Be sure to meet and greet our new members.

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Shut In Ministry

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials.” -Luke 22:28

Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone’s life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT SHUT INS?**

Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, contact the church office.

- **DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?**

Contact us and let us know!

Puzzles!

The church library is offering puzzles for lending. We use the honor system so please return a borrowed puzzle in a timely fashion so others may use them. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the plastic tub to the right of the puzzle shelf in the library.

Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert

Sunday, June 17, at 7:00pm

At Living Savior

For free admittance, church members may pick up a ticket at worship in the morning.

Church Safety and Security

The Spiritual Life Board is supporting the recommendation of the Safety and Security committee to improve the security protocols during Sunday Worship. Ushers have been trained and beginning in May you will notice an enhanced lockdown of the church. We ask all to help in keeping the church more secure by limiting and monitoring access into the facility. After use of the facility, re-lock inside doors and turn off the lights when finished occupying a room.

Doors from the Narthex to the core of the building will be kept key-locked at all times and some propped open before or between services, so please leave doors as found and key-locked. During service times use the side Sanctuary door by Pastor’s office to access hallway to nursery and restrooms. Thank you.

The Church Security Team is currently looking for volunteers to help monitor the Narthex during church services to help unload the door monitor responsibilities of the Ushers. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Arnie C. or Tom S. at the church office at 503.692.3490.

We will host a Red Cross blood drive Saturday, June 30, from 8:00am to 1:30pm. To register to donate blood, please call 800-733-2767 or access redcrossblood.org/make-donation

Contact Ken at the church office with any questions.
Many thanks to those who have been contributing items in the purple bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall.

For those who are new to the Community Warehouse, it is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin: 8380 SW Nyberg Street  503-612-0020
M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  + Sat.-Sun. 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

We will continue to collect smaller items that will fit in or next to the purple bag. If you are looking for a worthwhile organization to donate furniture that truly serves needy people in our community, this is a great place. You can either drop it off yourself or they will pick up large items at your house for $30.

For information about Community Warehouse go to: www.communitywarehouse.org

**Most needed items, no missing parts:**
- **Pots & Pans** Clean; no excessive wear
- **Baking Pans & Dishes** Clean; no chips, cracks or broken parts
- **Toasters/Toaster Ovens** Working condition
- **Can Openers**
- **Dressers** Good condition; 6 foot or smaller
- **Mattresses** 15 yr. or newer, stain free
- **Kitchen Tables/Chairs** Good condition, 5ft. or smaller
- **Sleeping Pillows** Free from stains & tears
- **Blankets** No electric, no stains & tears
- **Alarm Clocks** Working condition

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**Summer Singing Invitation**

Open call for Lutheran Choral Association’s 81st choral season. All voices (and all denominations) welcome, especially tenors. No auditions. Just show up and sing. There are several current or past members from Living Savior.

The repertoire is broad, with music from traditional choral (*Beautiful Savior*) to down-home gospel (*There is a Balm in Gilead*).

Rehearsals are Monday nights at 7:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217. (I-5 Exit 304, West). First rehearsal, June 4th (please arrive at first rehearsal by 6:30). Music will still available Monday, June 11.

We rehearse all summer for five fall concerts on Sundays at 4:00pm beginning September 9. For further questions, contact Ken at the church office 503.692.3490.

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I want to thank Roberta and the office staff for completing last month’s Living Logos after my close encounter of the worst kind, resulting in my inability to see with clarity. Your stepping in so the newsletter could be mailed in a timely manner is most certainly appreciated.!

- Judy
Lutheran Women in Mission
Your Mighty Mites

...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,...

Ephesians 5:20

News from Bethesda Auxiliary

The annual celebration of the Bethesda Auxiliary was held at Trinity Lutheran Church was held at Trinity, Hillsboro in April.

- Lila Young received the Cross and Bell Award.
- James Arciniega, NW Regional Director reported on two major changes: 1) When practical, licensed group homes will become supported living models. This will promote choice, flexibility and independence for individuals. 2) The Portland office building will be sold because financially it doesn’t make sense for only eight staff members.
- Residents from Group Homes were guest at lunch time. Some took part in a devotion, offered extemporaneous prayers, and professed their faith in Jesus.
- Attendance was unusually low; although $2,725 was contributed from items sold at the auction of travelling gift table.
- Items donated to the in-gathering were dedicated. We thank our anonymous shopper for Living Savior being able to give so generously.

~Sylvia S.

High School & College Grads will be announced in the June 10 Parish Notes.
June Devotion

- Judy C.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Psalm 34:8

Do you ever have one of those days when your “to-do list” keeps getting interrupted along the way? I call it the “but firsts” in my day that cause me to never getting to the end – or even half way down to the end of the list. This morning I had several things on my mental list that I wanted to accomplish, but first I wanted to eat breakfast. And I needed to shower, but first I wanted to exercise.

And then there are the distractions. As I washed my hands, the soap dispenser spilled and I had to clean up a mess which led me into the laundry room where I saw a load of clothes which I could pop into the washer and I also saw a plant that needed to be watered. And since I was watering that plant, I might as well water the other plants in the house. And then I watered the outside plants before it got too warm. And all of the time in the back of my mind I was being nagged about needing to write this article.

But before all of this took place, there is something that is the “but first” to my activity every day. My morning devotion time. Every year I choose a book of daily devotions to use. This year I am reading Day by Day - 365 Devotional Readings with Martin Luther (Concordia Publishing House). Being fresh from last year’s 500th Anniversary celebration of Luther’s nailing the 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg, which is attributed to the beginning of what we call The Reformation, I agree with the cover quote: A daily dose of Luther is good for the soul. In addition to this daily reading, I have other devotions and Bible studies that keep me in the Word. Several of them come each day into the inbox of my email including ones from LWML Mustard Seeds, The Lutheran Hour and Max Lucado.

No matter how long our “to-do list” is for the day, starting the day with the Lord should have our highest priority. And Satan will do his best to distract and interrupt us. Our intentions are always good, but sometimes our follow through just doesn’t follow through.

During the summer, when our schedules tend to be altered, it is also a time when we might become lax about having a regular time for prayer, Bible reading and meditating on God’s word or other types of spiritual building activity. Many Bible studies, Sunday school and adult Christian Education classes take a summer recess. Without a structured study to be committed to, it is often difficult to make our quiet time a priority. We just need to remember that God doesn’t take a vacation from us so we should not yield to the temptation to take a vacation from our spiritual growth. He is always available to hear our prayers and delights in our choice to spend time and know Him more and more.

...Let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. Jer. 9:24

Here are a few suggestions for summer devotions.

- Set aside time with God, reserve it for Him.
- Read through the Psalms
- Do a word study (i.e. peace, hope, sheep/shepherd, etc.)
- Write out a book of the Bible, or a chapter in your own words
- Sing through the hymns of a hymnal
- Use a study guide provided by LWML or from online resources
- Meet with one or two others on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for encouragement and accountability.
- Write out “Your Story” as you have seen God working in your life. Then be prepared to share it.
- Pray through the alphabet using each letter to describe an attribute of God, or to name something for which you are thankful
- Read Proverbs each day. (31 chapters=1 month)
- Use a prayer journal to record God’s attributes, thanksgivings, requests and answers to these prayers.

Psalm 34:8 encourages us to taste and see that the Lord is good. That tasting happens when we begin with God before we even think of our daily “to do list.” Our devotion time is not a duty (“to do”) but a gift we give ourselves. Psalm 34 might be a great place to start your summer reading program.
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Traditional Worship ........................................ 8:30am
Celebration Worship ....................................... 10:15am
Secretary’s office hours: Monday: 9:00am - 11:00am
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June
2  Heidi’s Retirement Party
10  Voter’s Assembly Meeting
21  Summer begins
21-23  Northwest District Convention
24  VBS kick-off noon potluck
25  Evening VBS
26  Evening VBS
27  Evening VBS
29  Family Camp out through July 1
30  Blood drive at LSLC

July
4  Independence Day
8-11  Sr. youth mission trip - Crow Lake, Montana
10-13  Jr. youth summer retreat at Devil’s Lake

The Mission of Living Savior Lutheran Church:
Alive in Christ, we share the love of Jesus—we serve, care for, support and nourish each other, our community, and the world!